

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

Call to Order: Chair Jennifer Fielder, on February 2, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 422 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Jennifer Fielder, Chair (R)
Sen. Jedediah Hinkle, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Jill Cohenour (D)
Sen. Tom Facey (D)
Sen. Steve Hinebauch (R)
Sen. David Howard (R)
Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)
Sen. Mike Phillips (D)
Sen. Cary Smith (R)
Sen. Chas Vincent (R)
Sen. Jeffrey W. Welborn (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Pat Christian, Committee Secretary
Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 110, 1/23/2017; HB 108, 1/27/2017

Executive Action: Approve Ic2600 as a committee bill.

HEARING ON HB 108

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:55 Rep. Bridget Smith (D), HD 31, opened the hearing on HB 108, Allocate wild buffalo licenses to tribes for traditional purposes.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:08 Ben Lamb, Montana Wildlife Federation

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:02:37 Sen. Facey
 00:03:39 Sen. Hinkle
 00:05:11 Rep. Smith
 00:05:50 Sen. Hinkle
 00:06:07 Rep. Smith
 00:06:48 Chair Fielder
 00:07:26 Rep. Smith
 00:07:38 Mike Volesky, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)
 00:09:05 Chair Fielder
 00:09:32 Rep. Smith
 00:09:48 Chair Fielder
 00:10:02 Mr. Volesky, FWP
 00:11:50 Chair Fielder
 00:12:11 Mr. Volesky
 00:13:52 Chair Fielder
 00:14:03 Mr. Volesky
 00:14:58 Chair Fielder
 00:15:16 Mr. Volesky
 00:15:47 Chair Fielder

 00:16:22 Sen. Cohenour entered the meeting.

 00:16:49 Chair Fielder
 00:17:07 Sen. Hinkle
 00:17:24 Mr. Volesky
 00:18:54 Sen. Hinkle
 00:19:12 Mr. Volesky
 00:19:32 Sen. Hinkle
 00:19:59 Mr. Volesky
 00:22:04 Sen. Vincent
 00:22:24 Chair Fielder
 00:22:35 Sen. Vincent
 00:22:53 Mr. Volesky

00:23:08 Sen. Vincent
00:23:21 Mr. Volesky
00:23:42 Chair Fielder
00:24:03 Mr. Volesky
00:25:21 Chair Fielder
00:25:35 Mr. Volesky
00:25:39 Chair Fielder
00:25:52 Mr. Volesky
00:26:00 Chair Fielder
00:26:38 Mr. Volesky

Closing by Sponsor:

00:27:05 Rep. Smith

HEARING ON SB 110

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:27:57 Sen. Mike Phillips (D), SD 31, opened the hearing on SB 110, Allowing funds in wolf management account to be used for management activities.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:31:07 Ken McDonald, Wildlife Division administrator, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)

[EXHIBIT\(fis24a01\)](#)

00:35:13 Ben Lamb, Montana Wildlife Federation

00:36:10 Marc Cooke, Wolves of the Rockies (WOR)

[EXHIBIT\(fis24a02\)](#)

00:38:11 Ben Williamson, Natural Resource Defense Council

Opponents' Testimony:

00:39:55 Abigail St. Lawrence, Stock Growers of the Rocky Mountains

00:42:08 Jim Brown, Montana Wool Growers Association (MWGA)

00:46:55 Matt Graveley, livestock producer, president, Rocky Mountain Stock Growers Association (RMSGGA)

00:48:54 Paul Fielder, retired wildlife biologist

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:50:13 Sen Vincent
00:50:44 Mr. McDonald, FWP
00:51:09 Sen. Vincent
00:51:30 Mr. McDonald

00:52:04	Sen. Vincent
00:52:15	Mr. Cook, WOR
00:52:21	Sen. Vincent
00:52:34	Mr. Cook
00:53:41	Sen. Cohenour
00:54:00	Mr. McDonald
00:54:21	Sen. Cohenour
00:54:38	Mr. McDonald
00:56:24	Sen. Facey
00:57:27	Mr. Brown, MWGA
00:58:35	Sen. Facey
00:59:32	Mr. McDonald
00:59:47	Sen. Facey
00:59:50	Mr. McDonald
01:00:10	Sen. Welborn
01:01:04	Mr. McDonald
01:01:23	Sen. Vincent
01:02:00	Sen. Phillips
01:02:50	Sen. Vincent
01:03:25	Sen. Phillips
01:04:01	Sen. Howard
01:04:29	Mr. Graveley, RMSGA
01:06:18	Sen. Howard
01:06:40	Mr. Graveley
01:08:14	Chair Fielder
01:08:50	Sen. Phillips
01:09:28	Chair Fielder
01:09:37	Sen. Phillips
01:10:19	Chair Fielder
01:10:26	Sen. Phillips
01:11:03	Chair Fielder
01:11:19	Mr. McDonald
01:12:15	Chair Fielder
01:12:21	Mr. McDonald
01:12:59	Chair Fielder
01:13:04	Mr. McDonald
01:13:57	Chair Fielder
01:14:06	Mr McDonald
01:14:24	Chair Fielder
01:14:33	Mr. McDonald
01:15:00	Chair Fielder
01:15:06	Mr. McDonald
01:15:54	Chair Fielder
01:16:01	Mr. McDonald
01:16:18	Chair Fielder
01:18:04	Mr. McDonald
01:21:04	Sen. Vincent
01:21:15	Mr. McDonald
01:21:24	Sen. Vincent
01:21:34	Mr. McDonald

01:21:42 Sen. Hinkle
01:22:39 Chair Fielder

Closing by Sponsor:

01:22:49 Sen. Phillips

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 98

01:25:33 **Motion:** Sen. Hinkle moved that Ic2600 be introduced as a committee bill.

Discussion:

01:26:04 Chair Fielder
01:26:16 Sen. Howard
01:26:32 Sen. Vincent
01:28:00 Chair Fielder

01:29:33 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-2 by roll call vote with Sen. Howard and Sen. Vincent voting no. Chair Fielder will carry the bill.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:31 PM

Pat Christian, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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EXHIBIT([fis24aad.pdf](#))